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## Valero Volunteers contribute to the community



White Yellow Cross director Gino Goeloe accepts a check

Last week, Valero Volunteers announced the 6th annual Aruba Way fundraising walk/run through the Lago Colony will this year benefit the Aruba Autism Foundation. At the same time as they invited the community in this healthy way to support worthy foundations in their important work, they also made substantial donations to assist two important organizations with their purpose of serving the community.

The first to receive a check of 10,000 Aruban florins (\$5,700) was Federation FORSA, which is dedicated to supporting victims of colon cancer and their families. Forsa President Carols Faarup and volunteer Ruben Giel were present to accept the donation, which will be used to provide more education to the public on recognizing the signs of what might possibly be colon cancer, and what to do. FORSA volunteers include Adjay Ramcharan, Elain Canhigh, and Julieta Croes. They can be reached via e-mail [forsa.aruba@live.com](mailto:forsa.aruba@live.com) or President Faarup, telephone 594-3947 for more information on the subject.

Director of the White-Yellow Cross, Gino Goeloe, accepted a check from the

Valero Volunteers for 100,000 Aruban florins (\$57,500) which will be used to fund a three-year weekly television program on Channel 13, TeleAruba, to educate the public on a broad spectrum of cancer issues. The weekly 15 program will feature experts, doctors, and foundation volunteers from the various foundations which assist and support cancer patients and their families.

The White Yellow Cross is a traditionally the agency which assists with pre and post partum wellness care and the standard testing and vaccination of infants and young children, as well as providing visiting nurse care for newborns and the elderly. Mr. Goeloe emphasized the organization's concern for every aspect of the community's health, and that for a nation such as Aruba and its population, the incidence of cancer is abnormally high. The White Yellow Cross feels education and understanding is vital to helping catch cancer in the early stages, and so reduce fatalities.

Aruba Way is an initiative between the management and employees of Valero Refinery Aruba, which includes a program of employees setting aside a selected percentage of

their earnings to be placed in a fund for community projects, which Valero matches by 50%. The board considers



Ruben Giel and Forsa President Carlos Farrup accept a check

all worthwhile proposals, and the Valero Volunteers can be contacted for those needing

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By Rosalie Klein



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## US Republican race tightens

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Texas Governor Rick Perry loomed large over a narrowing White House race on Sunday despite Tea Party darling Michele Bachmann's victory in a key test that saw the first major Republican bow-out.

Perry, a popular fiscal and social conservative, will pose a major challenge to both the ultraconservative Bachmann and former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney, a moderate who has until now led the polls.

Meanwhile Tim Pawlenty, a low-key former governor of Minnesota who was hoping for a crucial bump from Iowa's Ames Straw Poll, dropped out after coming in a distant third behind Bachmann and libertarian congressman Ron Paul.

The poll is unscientific and nonbinding but widely seen as an indicator of who is best positioned to energize the party's activist base and win the first batch of nominating contests

early next year.

Bachmann told ABC News's "This Week," that her win was a "big message sent to Washington" by Americans frustrated with the slow pace of economic recovery and stubbornly high unemployment under President Barack Obama.

She also dismissed critics who say she is too radical, insisting she had attracted Democrats and Independents "because I'm talking about what people really care about, and that's turning the economy around and job creation."

But Perry, who announced his candidacy as the Iowa poll was under way, can challenge Barack Obama where the president is most vulnerable by pointing out that Texas has led the country in job creation despite the economic slowdown.

Pawlenty, who had campaigned hard in Iowa, admitted to ABC television's "This Week" that his message "didn't get the kind of traction or lift that we needed and hoped for" going into the Iowa poll.

He finished with a disappointing 2,293 votes, over 2,500 behind Bachmann and close second-place finisher Paul, a small government advocate with strong Tea Party support who is opposed to foreign aid and military interventions.

Perry meanwhile garnered 718 write-in votes, more than the 567 that went to Romney, who was listed on the ballot but has focused on other states.

The Texas governor, who succeeded George W. Bush in 2000, has touted his "Texas miracle," in which the state has created jobs while the nationwide unemployment rate has hovered above nine percent.

Perry also has strong credentials as a social conservative, and earlier this month held a prayer rally attended by more than 30,000 people.

Critics charge that the jobs created in Texas have been mainly low-paying, and have come as a result of reckless deregulation and painful cuts in social spending.

## Upbeat Chavez warns cancer not yet over

CARACAS (AFP) - Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said Sunday he had responded well to two rounds of chemotherapy but warned the worst has not yet passed.

Chavez said he was telling himself to "not get carried away by impulses. You can convince yourself it's already passed and people may start believing it."

The firebrand leftist president, who follows a strict routine of medication, diet and exercise to help him in his recovery, said he had a good appetite, was gaining weight and had no nausea from the drugs.

"We're fine, but of course we are very careful," Chavez told official television broadcaster VTV, adding that he

had received positive results from various medical tests.

Chavez, 57, underwent an operation in Cuba on June 20 to remove a cancerous tumor in his pelvic area and received a first round of chemotherapy in mid-July.

He returned home to Caracas earlier after a weeklong stay in Havana, greeted by applause from cabinet officials and military officers.

"So you have to take life by the horns," said a smiling Chavez, adding that he was starting a "new life".

Chavez said he had taken up painting after two chemotherapy sessions on Monday and Tuesday, as he expressed renewed confidence in his recovery.

## UN welcomes USAID-Hamas compromise

JERUSALEM (AFP) - The United Nations on Sunday welcomed a compromise deal between the Palestinian movement Hamas and the US Agency for International development to maintain the flow of aid in Gaza.

A US official on Friday said USAID was halting humanitarian assistance to the Gaza Strip over alleged meddling by Hamas, which Washington and Israel designate as a terrorist organisation.

But on Saturday a Hamas official said "we've reached a compromise with USAID through the United Nations" to allow the continuation of aid.

The crisis erupted after the offices of a USAID-funded non-government organisation, the International Medical Corps, were closed by Hamas because the NGO refused to allow Hamas to verify its accounts.

"UN Special Coordinator Robert Serry welcomes the reopening of International Medical Corps today in Gaza," a statement from his office said.

It said Serry "recognises the important work of NGOs in Gaza and is confident that a way forward has been reached in the interest of the people of Gaza."

According to the Hamas official, the compromise was reached after the Palestinian movement agreed to renounce for a "three-month period" its demand to verify the accounts of NGOs financed by USAID.

"We are keen on the continuation of the international institutions' work and their services to our people," said the official who took part in the mediated talks.

He said the sides were now working towards an agreement on mechanisms that ensure "transparency and internal accountability of these international organisations."

There will be "no control over their work," he added.

A UN official had told AFP on condition of anonymity that the United Nations had "made major efforts to end this crisis and reach a good agreement."

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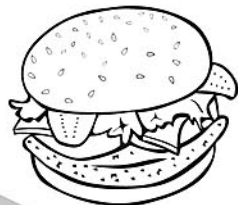
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This resulted in several barrios in Oranjestad losing electric power, including the high rise hotel area.

Whenever there is a power outage, Elmar's primary objective is to find the problem and restore power as soon as possible. Our electric power

distribution company is cognizant of the fact that any power outage brings quite some inconvenience with it. Power outages are especially frustrating when this occurs during the day when our commercial industry is extremely pressured to continue their normal operations.

Within one hour and 15 minutes, or about at 12 o'clock noon Elmar succeeded in restoring power to all the affected barrios. The first area to be restored was Salina Cerca up to Tierra Del Sol, the Hotel area, Palm Beach, and Turibana. By 11:45 power was restored in the Oranjestad

area. The last area to receive power was the area from La Cabana Hotel to Hyatt and sections of Noord.

However, to date, the exact cause of the power outage is not yet known to Elmar. They are continuing to investigate what actually triggered the power failure. They hope to know this in a couple of days.

These power outages are not common, but whenever they occur Elmar moves quickly and diligently to find the problem and restore the service to minimize the effect that such power loss has on our community.

## Tropical Storm Gert forms in Atlantic



MIAMI (AFP) - Tropical Storm Gert, the seventh such storm of the season, has formed in the Atlantic and could approach Bermuda by late Sunday, or early today, US forecasters said.

At 1800 GMT, Gert was about 275 miles (443 kilometers) southeast of Bermuda, according to the Miami-based National Hurricane Center.

It had maximum sustained winds of 40 miles (64 kilometers) per hour and was moving toward the northwest at seven miles (11 kilometers) per hour.

According to the NHC, Gert will approach Bermuda late Sunday or early Monday, prompting the government there to issue a tropical storm

warning.

"Additional strengthening is forecast during the next 48 hours," the NHC warned.

Bermuda, a British overseas territory which is a global reinsurance hub, is frequently buffeted by storms and hurricanes sweeping across the Atlantic from June to November. But it is well prepared and storm fatalities are rare there.

Jeff Masters, a hurricane expert at private forecaster Weather Underground, said in his blog on Sunday the 2011 season so far was seeing an unusual number of weak tropical cyclones.

This year is nevertheless forecast to be a busy hurricane season.

Late on Saturday, Tropical Storm Franklin, which formed briefly earlier in the weekend as the sixth named storm of the 2011 Atlantic season, lost its tropical cyclone characteristics over the North Atlantic.

Elsewhere in the Atlantic, forecasters were watching a low pressure trough located 425 miles northeast of the northern Leeward Islands. The NHC gave it a 30 percent chance of becoming a tropical cyclone in the next 48 hours, saying conditions were only marginally favorable for it to develop.



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## Cas Animal Cont'd The necessity of neutering



### neutering calms the aggressive nature of male pets

Cas Animal Foundation was begun by Kiki Arndt, who found her mission in life when she discovered two starving dogs left in the home she was renting when she first came to live on Aruba 14 years ago. Abandoned by the owners of the house weeks before, the dogs faithfully awaited their masters' return; needless to say, Kiki and the dogs did not stay in that house very long.

Kiki now dedicates her days to rescuing stray and abandoned dogs, and has 80 in her home with 38 cats residing at the house of a friend. Aside from being nursed back to health from serious injury or tick disease, every dog has been neutered; a standard procedure to curb the problem of more unwanted dogs on the streets of Aruba.

It is surprising how many pet owners do not bother to neuter their animals, thus exacerbating the stray and aban-

doned dog problem. The procedure is relatively inexpensive; particularly for the males, but many owners have it in their head they are doing the dog a disservice and justify their inaction with a number of excuses that eventually produce heartache for all involved. There are many pro's for neutering aside from arresting the further production of unwanted canines and felines wandering around Aruba.

The positive results of neutering an aggressive male dog or cat is almost immediately evident; there is nearly always a complete personality change to a calmer, friendlier and more congenial companion, as well as putting a stop to them wandering off whenever there is a female in season is around the neighborhood. This will usually curb them fighting with other dogs, so reducing the risk of serious, infectious injury. If you ever spot a "pack" of dogs on Aruba, it is usually several males following a female in heat, often taking them far from their owners' homes and resulting in frequent, nasty confrontations. Neutering will help keep the male dog close to home, and will also prove of great benefit as they get older, as both male dogs and cats are prone to prostate problems, which can be prevented with neutering.

Unless a pet owner enjoys having their premises invaded by multiple aggressive males whenever their female pet is in season, they best have it spayed, as well as the importance of curbing the introduction of more unwanted animals into the population. Having litters is just as much a physical trial to a female animal as a human; spaying will also prolong their lives and spare them from a number of injurious conditions resulting from pregnancy and nursing, including serious calcium deficiency, which can be crippling, if not deadly.

The smallest donation assists Kiki in her mission to raise the funds she needs to build a proper animal shelter on land she has already been awarded by the government for this purpose; these can be made by calling her at: 565-2130 or 742-8732. You can also report a stray or injured dog as she maintains an Animal Ambulance to rescue them.

Kiki also encourages island visitors to adopt one of her dogs or cats; or perhaps one they have befriended on the beach or streets. She will walk you through the simple process of transporting your new companion back home. Her expenses for feeding all the animals she has taken in are astronomical, as well as her veterinary bills, and donations can be made by paying on her account at the Contreras Clinics in Shaba or Savaneta, as well as directly to the bank account of Cas Animal Foundation, CMB Bank account # 25762110.

Our continuing series and her progress can be followed on the Cas Animal Facebook page

by Rosalie Klein

## Norway gunman 'showed no remorse' at massacre site: police

OSLO (AFP) - Kept on a police leash, the man responsible for Norway's worst post-war bloodshed showed no remorse when he took part in an eight-hour reconstruction of his island massacre, police said Sunday.

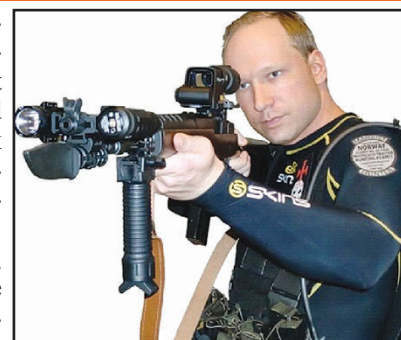
"He was not unaffected, but he showed no remorse for his actions," police prosecutor Paal-Fredrik Hjord Kraby told reporters in Oslo a day after investigators brought Anders Behring Breivik to the scene of his July 22 rampage on the island of Utoeya.

He shot dead 69 people, many of them teenagers.

Just hours before the shooting spree, which he has confessed to, the 32-year-old rightwing extremist also bombed government offices in the Norwegian capital, killing eight other people.

Hjord Kraby said Saturday's site visit had been vital to the case.

"All research shows that it helps the memory to come back to the scene of the crime. (Behring Breivik) provided us with a lot of new information which we didn't have before, despite 50 hours of (previous) interrogation," the police prosecutor said.



Undated and unlocated video grabbed on July 23, 2011 from a manifesto and a video attributed to Anders Behring Breivik, shows him aiming an assault rifle. (AFP/Photo)

ecutor said.

"We feel we have a fairly good overview of how everyone died or was shot now, even though there are still details to fill in," he said, adding some of the victims had died had drowned trying to swim for safety.

Behring Breivik was taken to the island some 40 kilometres (25 miles) from Oslo, first by car and then by the same boat he used on the day of the attacks.

The trip on Saturday afternoon was made under heavy security, with Behring Breivik shackled on the boat and kept on "a leash" while on the island, police said.



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## The Salamander Group Assists the Repair of the World



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The program was named by managing director Jodi Tobman, Tikkun Olam, the Repair of the World, alluding to an ancient Kabala concept

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Tikkun Olam was introduced at T.H. Palm & Company in late 2007, and in March 2008, the first donation checks were already given to a select group of local not-for-profit organizations.

This past six months, T.H. Palm & Company, helped raise significant funds for Telephon pa Hubentud, a youth phone help-line, for Fundacion pa Nos Grandinan, an organization dedi-



cated to the welfare of the elderly, for Koningin Wil-

helmina Fonds voor de Kankerbestrijding op Aruba, the local cancer fund, for Fundacion Autismo Aruba, promoting understanding of Autism, and helping kids and families affected by the syndrome, also the Edmund Harms foundation, a local hospice organization, and Fundacion pa Hende Muhe den Dificultad, which runs a shelter for victims of spousal abuse and their dependents.

The foundations on the receiving end were all chosen with the help of shoppers who got to have a say concerning the designation of the funds raised by each sale.

Besides T.H. Palm & Company, a similar Tikkun Olam program also exists at The Coconut Trading Co., at the Village Mall, where a percentage of sales is donated to Fundacion pa nos Comunidad, FPNC, an organization fighting poverty and promoting well-being!

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### The new Pagani Huayra



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V-12 engine, fitted with dual turbochargers.

The engine itself produces over 700 horsepower and (740 lb ft) of torque. The Huayra's top speed is 230 mph and can hit 0-62 mph in less than 3.5 seconds. More impressively, the Huayra can pull 1.5 G in corners, in spite of its 3,000 pound curb weight. Up until now, the Pagani was unattainable in the United States because of failed emission and safety testing, but it looks like the Pagani Huayra will finally touch ground sometime in 2013.

### Honda denies nuclear mission for robot



TOKYO (AFP) - Japan's Honda has denied a press report it is hoping to retool its humanoid robot ASIMO to enable it to join emergency work inside the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear

power plant.

The Japanese newspaper Asahi Shimbun said in its Friday evening edition that Honda was aiming to upgrade the robot's upper body functions so that it can move its arms as smoothly as a human being.

US Honda spokeswoman Lauren Ebner said the report was "speculation."

"Although Honda hopes that ASIMO will someday be a helper to people, at this point the robot is solely a research and design project," Ebner said in a statement to AFP.

The current ASIMO, introduced in 2000 and resembling a small astronaut, stands 130 centimetres (4 feet 3 inches) tall. The bipedal bot can walk, run, carry trays, push carts and shake hands with people.

Asahi said that to work in the debris-strewn nuclear plant, ASIMO would likely be modified and fitted with tyres or caterpillar tracks.

The Fukushima plant has been leaking radiation from its reactors since its cooling systems were knocked out by the March 11 earthquake and tsunami. At some hotspots radiation is high enough to be lethal to humans.

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The 78-million-year-old fossil of the Polycotylus latippinus, a four-flipped swimmer something like a snake-turtle combination, is now on display at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County.

Scientists have long suspected that the large creatures, which once were among the top predators in the world's oceans, were not built for climbing on land and laying eggs, but had no evidence to show otherwise until now.

"This fossil documents live birth in plesiosaurs for the first time, and so finally resolves this mystery," said co-author Robin O'Keefe of Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia.

The 15.4 foot (4.7 meter) long fossil on display contains an embryonic skeleton, including little ribs, 20 vertebrae, shoulders, hips and paddle bones, said the study in the journal Science.

Several other types of aquatic reptiles from the same Mesozoic period have been known to give birth to live offspring instead of eggs, a behavior that lends itself to a more social lifestyle, similar to that of dolphins.

"Many of the animals alive today that give birth to large, single young are social and have maternal care," added O'Keefe.

"We speculate that plesiosaurs may have exhibited similar behaviors, making

their social lives more similar to those of modern dolphins than other reptiles."

The fossil specimen, which is virtually complete except for parts of the adult neck and skull, was discovered in 1987 by Charles Bonner on the Bonner Ranch in Logan County, Kansas.

The mother and child specimen were given extensive conservation by the Natural History Museum and then mounted for display under the supervision of O'Keefe and study co-author Luis Chiappe, director of the museum's Dinosaur Institute.

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## Health & Living

# Study: Fewer breast cancer deaths not due to screening



**A mammogram is an x-ray of the breast. This test may find tumors that are too small to feel.**

PARIS (AFP) - Mammograms have played an insignificant role in falling breast cancer death rates in Europe, according to a study published Friday.

Three pairs of countries with similar access to treatment but varying levels of breast screening showed scant difference in the degree of mortality attributed to the disease, researchers reported.

A trio of scientists led by Philippe Autier of the International Prevention Research Institute in Lyon, France compared the mortality rates of otherwise similar health systems that began screening programs at least a decade apart.

In Northern Ireland, which began systematic mammograms in the early 1990s, the death rate among breast cancer patients dropped 29 percent from 1989 to 2006. In Ireland, mortality went down nearly as much, 26 percent, over the same period even though the country didn't set up regular screening until 10

years later.

The Netherlands and Belgium also showed a parallel drop in breast cancer mortality rates -- identical in the case of Dutch-speaking Belgium -- despite a lag time of about a decade in the implementation of screening programmes.

And in Sweden, which in 1986 pioneered systematic mammograms to detect the disease, the drop was only 16 percent, compared to 24 percent in Norway, which began to do so only in 2005.

The slim difference in mortality rates suggests that the decrease was caused by other factors, such as better treatment, the researchers said.

Some experts argue that the difficult decision of whether to screen -- involving trade-offs among non-comparable outcomes -- must be left to informed individuals.

Others say that physicians should continue to encourage women to undergo regular screening because even modest benefits trump potentially negative impacts.

## Health Tip:

# Don't Let Menopause Get You Down

-- Menopause is a behavioral roller coaster for some women, who experience a host of emotions including mood swings, fear, depression and irritability.

The womenshealth.gov website suggests how to ease moodiness associated with menopause:

- Make sure you get enough sleep each night, and stick to a regular sleep and wake schedule.
- Exercise for at least 30 minutes almost every day of the week.
- Limit how many activities you take on.
- Find ways to help manage stress.
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# China shuts chemical plant amid mass protest



**Pollution-related scares are common in China -- the world's biggest emitter of greenhouse gases**

BEIJING (AFP) - Authorities in a Chinese city ordered the immediate shutdown of a chemical plant on Sunday as thousands of protesters took to the streets demanding the factory be moved over pollution fears.

The demonstration by some 12,000 residents in the northeastern city of Dalian is the latest bout of unrest to hit China as anger over issues such as social inequalities and environmental degradation boils over.

Residents in the port city in Liaoning province gathered in front of the municipal government's office on Sunday morning, and were joined by more and more people, the official Xinhua news agency said.

Some scuffled with riot po-

lice, throwing bottles of water at them as they tried to cordon off one of the city's main arteries, but there were no reports of injuries, it added.

Hundreds of people then broke off and started moving to other parts of the city, chanting slogans and waving banners. According to unconfirmed postings on Twitter, a lot of armed police vehicles were seen moving into the city.

The largely peaceful protest was triggered by mounting fears over the safety of a factory that makes paraxylene -- a flammable carcinogenic liquid used in the production of polyester films and fabrics.

Residents living near the plant had to be evacuated after

waves triggered by an incoming storm breached a dyke protecting the factory and threatened to damage the building, sparking fears of a toxic chemical spill.

Workers managed to repair the dyke, but residents have been left worried about the potential for environmental damage by the plant, which belongs to the private Fujia Group.

The municipal government ordered the plant be closed "immediately" after protesters refused to disperse, and also pledged to relocate the plant, Xinhua reported. Calls to the government went unanswered on Sunday.

One hotel receptionist, who refused to be named, told AFP by phone that protesters were worried about their health. "If people had a better choice, they would not take to the streets," she said.

Pollution-related scares are common in China -- the world's biggest emitter of greenhouse gases -- where an emphasis on economic growth over the past three decades has led to widespread environmental degradation.

As such, environmental problems have triggered a rising number of riots and other forms of public unrest over the years.



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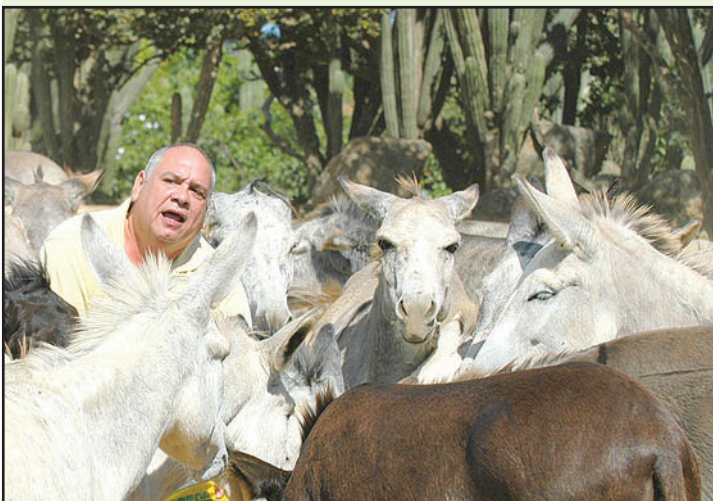
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## One Mac Turkey and One Happy Island



Beth Linnen (third from right) is one of the Mac Turkeys who recently held their bi-annual reunion here in Aruba. When she checked in for the return flight to Chicago, she was told that her bag weighed more than the maximum allowed. Apparently, unbeknownst to Beth, her carrier had just reduced the baggage weight limit by ten pounds. She opened her suitcase and sadly started to remove the prized souvenirs she had planned to take to her friends in Michigan City: a couple of six-packs of Balashi Beer. When the friendly Aruban check-in lady saw the Balashi's and noticed what Beth was doing, she said, "Oh, I hate to see you lose that," and allowed Beth to put the Balashi Beer back in the suitcase. Says Beth: "Now, that is One Happy Island." PS. The friends in Michigan City loved the souvenirs!



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## Nina celebrates 70th Birthday on Aruba at the Magic Live!



Grandma Nina celebrating her 70th birthday with granddaughter Elaine, at the Magic Live! show, at Aruba Westin Resort.

## Dutch cops raid large marijuana nursery

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Dutch police arrested 10 people, seven women and three men of Bulgarian and Turkish nationality after discovering a large marijuana nursery in the country's western tulip-growing region, a statement said yesterday.

During the raid, in the small town of Roelofarendsveen, between 10,000 to 15,000 marijuana plants and 150,000 plant cuttings were retrieved, it added.

It said the nursery was discovered at the back of some greenhouses in the town, situated in South Holland province's prime tulip-producing area, about 30 kilometres (19 miles) southwest of Amsterdam.

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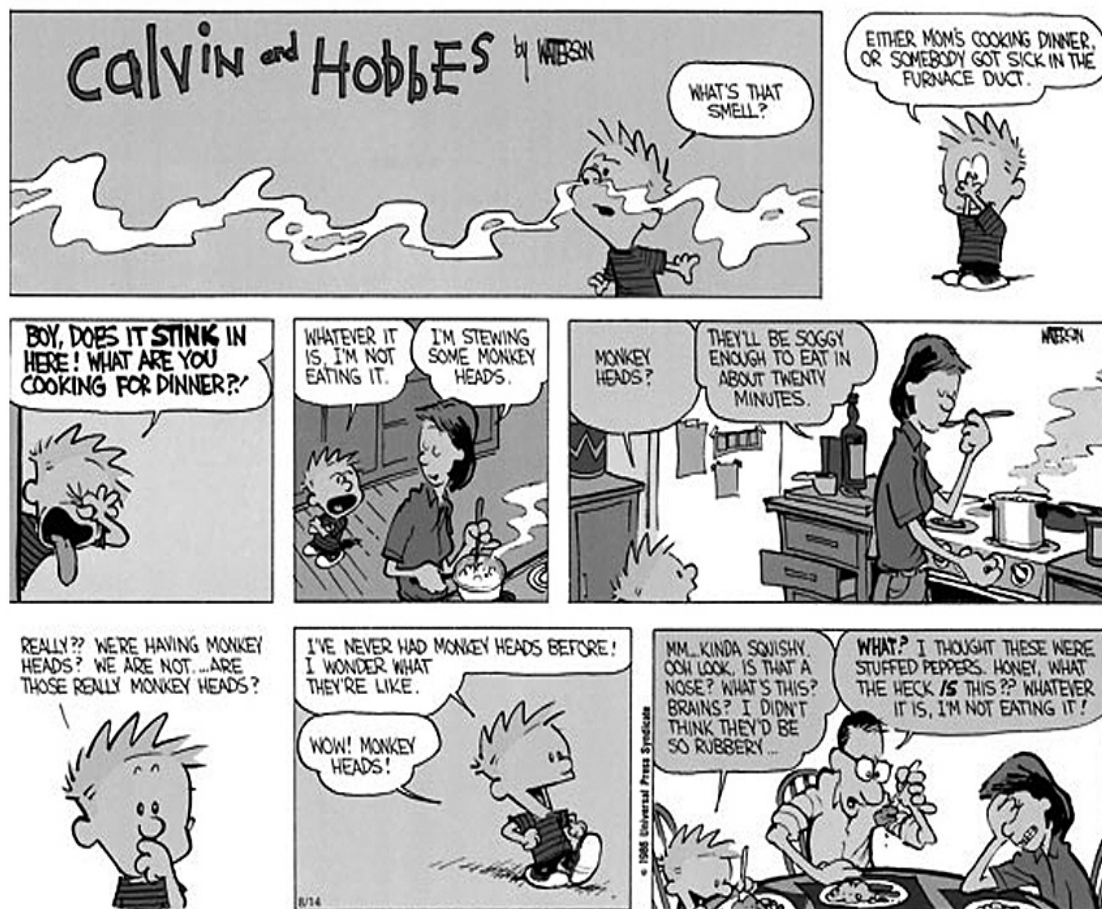
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5. Young seal
8. Cape \_\_\_\_
11. Uniform
12. Guadeloupe-to-Martinique dir.
13. Char
14. Sharks vs. Jets musical
17. Growl viciously
18. Samoan seaport
19. Bark like a Pomeranian
21. Like Amish clothing
25. The "cruellest mo."
28. Soupe
30. Highest point in Sicily
31. Centaurus's neighbor in the sky
35. Kuwaiti prince
36. Affirmative vote
37. School org.
38. Asphyxia
40. Blaster's need: abbr.
42. Society: abbr.
45. Rebelled
49. 1960 John Wayne film
53. Items in a carpenter's tool kit
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55. Narrow

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58. Short leaps

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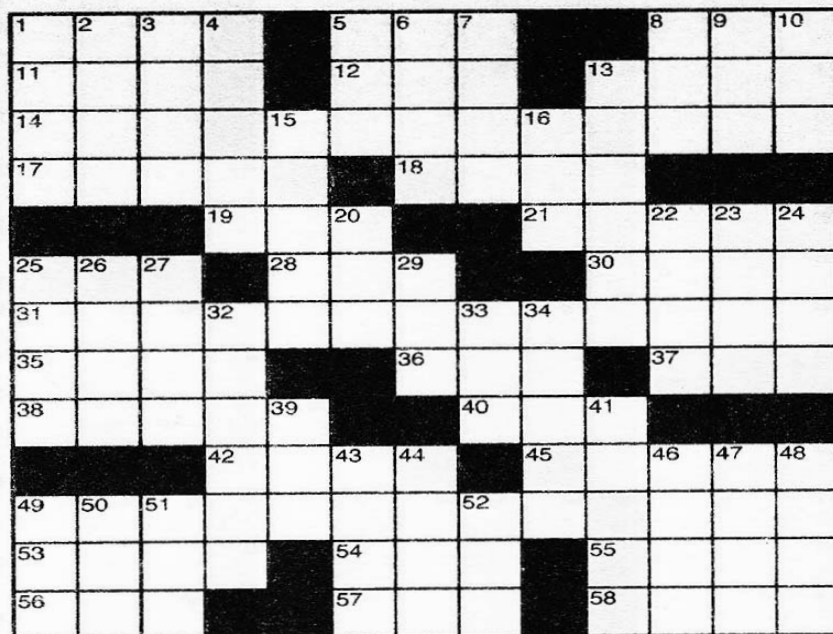
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3. Butte's kin
4. Dictionary word
5. Tire-inflation letters
6. Crop overseers: abbr.
7. Unauthorized look
8. Corporate VIP
9. Regatta

## trophy

10. Help with the dishes
13. Cornier
15. Zorro's signature move
16. Partake of hot tea
20. Macabre versifier
22. At the summit
23. Part of NIH: abbr.
24. Space org.
25. On the briny
26. Start of an Elgar title
27. Crumbling building
29. Take one's best shot
32. Dog trainer's

## pocketful

33. Beach volleyball need
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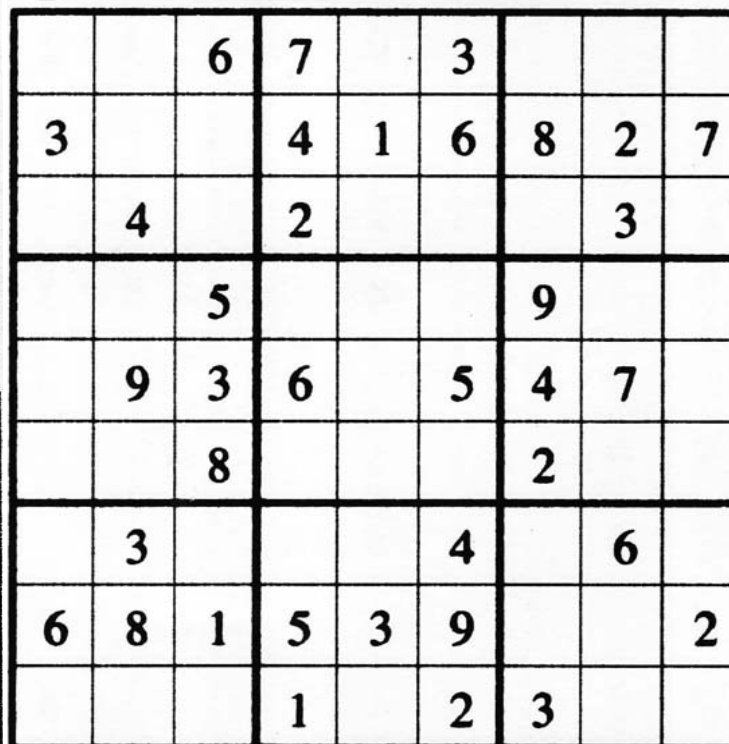
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9	8	6	2	3	5	1	7	4
6	5	9	8	5	2	7	4	1
7	2	8	9	1	7	6	5	3
4	1	5	6	7	9	2	8	3

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## Finance

# Economic leadership at crux of turmoil: World Bank



SYDNEY (AFP) - World Bank chief Robert Zoellick said Sunday that investors had lost confidence in the economic leadership of several key countries, warning global markets were in a "new danger zone" as a result.

Zoellick said a convergence of events in the United States and Europe had rattled investors in countries already struggling to cap sovereign debt issues and unemployment.

"And what we've seen is that confidence is a fragile element of how the market economy works," the World Bank Group president told an Asia Society dinner in Sydney.

"And I think that those

events combined with some of the other fragilities... have pushed us into a new danger zone. And I don't say those words lightly."

Zoellick said he was making the point, not so people would run out of the room to call their brokers, but so that policy makers would take it seriously.

He said the United States had contributed to the drop in confidence in the markets following the bitter debate in Congress to ensure that the country did not end up with a disastrous debt default.

"Frankly, markets are used to the United States playing a leading role in the economic system and leadership and so when they saw the 'Sturm und Drang' in Congress and with the executive, it made them uncertain about, well does the United States really know where it's going? And is it going to get there?"

The problems were more serious in the eurozone, he

said, where the processes for dealing with sovereign debt and some competitiveness shortfalls had lagged.

Financial markets have suffered dizzying swings in recent days and weeks on mounting concern that the eurozone debt crisis and weak US economy could help see the world fall back into recession.

But Zoellick said how much impact the rollercoaster ride will have more broadly depended on how much the loss of confidence spread.

Zoellick, who heads to Australia's political capital Canberra said the global financial landscape was rapidly changing, adding that prior to the recent turbulence, he had concerns about overheating in some developing economies.

While he refused to pinpoint which other countries could suffer due to the market volatility, he noted that the developing world remained a source of growth.

# US debt remains investor safe haven despite S&P downgrade

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US Treasury bonds remain a hot ticket for investors looking for a low risk investment in a volatile market despite the unprecedented downgrade of Washington's credit rating, analysts say.

The decision by Standard & Poor's to strip Washington of its top triple-A rating has done little to diminish investors' appetite for US Treasuries, which along with gold, the Swiss franc and the yen are considered among the safest of assets.

At first it may seem somewhat paradoxical, but with investors concerned about a slowdown in the global economy, they are piling into US bonds which are also attractive because of the dollar's reserve currency status.

On Monday, the first trading day after the the S&P downgrade, US bond prices rose to record levels on strong demand in a fresh issue, with the rate of return for investors dropping from before the US lost its top rating.

On the secondary market the yield on 10-year securities dropped on Wednesday to 2.09 percent, the lowest rate since December 2008 and down from 2.56 percent on Friday, before the S&P announcement.

"We do not regard the Standard & Poor's downgrade as an immediate threat to Treasuries keeping their safe-harbour status," market analysts Briefing Research said.

"Treasuries are still the gold standard, so much so that as the US veered toward a default [during negotiations to raise its debt ceiling] Treasur-

ies rallied on a flight-to-safety ... as if they were being rewarded for a crime", the group said.

The gyrations on global stock exchanges this past week have only increased their attraction.

"The US Treasury market will remain by far the largest and most liquid in the world, - as demonstrated by in last week's global financial turmoil and 'wholesale flight to safety and quality'," said Nigel Gault from market forecasters IHS Global Insight.

A rush of safe-haven money into the franc led to fresh records against the dollar and the euro, forcing the Swiss National Bank to take additional measures to stem its rise which is hurting the country's industry.

The Federal Reserve's decision on Tuesday to maintain interest rates at close to zero levels for two years also reassured markets, said Aurel BGC.

Analysts said meanwhile that China, the world's largest foreign holder of US debt, has no choice but to maintain its Treasury holdings, with Beijing's hands tied for several reasons in the short run.

China has the world's largest foreign exchange reserves at more than \$3 trillion, and experts believe it would be difficult for it to find alternative investment options able to absorb such volume.

With around \$1.2 trillion in US Treasuries, Beijing also cannot conduct large-scale selling of dollar assets without diminishing the value of its remaining holdings, they said.

# Asia vulnerable to US recession: Singapore PM

SINGAPORE (AFP) - Asia, including China and India, will be vulnerable if the United States and Europe slip into another recession, Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said Sunday.

In his annual policy speech, Lee warned it was possible the

world would sink into another recession because of the debt crisis in Europe and the United States' economic woes that led to a landmark downgrade by Standard & Poor's of the country.

Lee said the markets' volatility was "only a reflection of the real issue" which is lack of investor confidence that the US and European governments can "make the hard decisions and to resolve the problems which are deep and very serious."

The US government is spending too much and its fiscal deficit is "unsustainable", said Lee, adding that deep divisions between the Republicans and the Democrats have made it harder for the country to solve its problems.

Against this backdrop, China, India and other emerging markets are doing "quite

well" for the moment, he said.

"But if America and Europe will go into another recession, then I think China, India and the emerging economies will also be affected, will also be vulnerable," he warned.

"And therefore Singapore has to be watchful. We don't have to press the panic button yet but we have to be watchful," he added. "That's going to affect us. It can easily happen."

Export-dependent Singapore was the first Asian economy to suffer negative growth during the last global downturn in 2008 but also led the recovery with a strong growth rebound in 2010.

The crisis started in Greece and is now fuelled by fears that Spain or Italy might default on their debt and possibly spark a break-up of the currency shared by 17 countries.

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and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

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## Rest in peace? Mumbai runs out of space for dead



In this photograph taken on August 1, 2011 an Indian worker digs a non-permanent grave at a cemetery on the grounds of St Andrew's Church in Bandra.

MUMBAI (AFP) - Simple marble gravestones lie flat in the grounds of St Andrew's Church in Bandra, one of the oldest Roman Catholic places of worship in the Indian city of Mumbai.

The names on the tombs bear witness to the city's Portuguese heritage, as a groundswell sweeps wet leaves from generations of Da Silvas, D'Souzas, Pintos, Pereiras, Furtados and Fonsecas.

Behind the white-washed church, are newer, much smaller memorials, stacked on top of one another like draw-

ers in a high perimeter wall bordering the sea.

Inside these "niches" are the mortal remains of the more recently deceased, whose bones have been disinterred and replaced by those who have died in the last year or two.

The spiralling cost of land and its lack of availability is a major issue for the estimated 18 million people crammed into India's financial and entertainment capital.

But increasingly, the squeeze is affecting the city's dead, prompting changes in centuries-old rituals, forcing

up the cost of burials or leading to practical solutions to tackle space constraints.

"It's an issue in all the churches. There's a lack of space," admitted Father Michael Goveas, a parish priest at St Andrew's, where flattened tombstones are found even in the corridors leading to the main church.

"We're no longer giving permission for permanent graves. Anyone who has a permanent (family) plot can still utilise them. For everyone else, we give niches," he told AFP.

The lack of burial space, a growing problem for minority Christians and Muslims in India's fast-growing big cities as well as many countries around the world, is particularly acute in Mumbai.

The local authorities estimate that there is just 1.3

square feet (0.12 square metres) of green open space per person, making it one of the most densely-populated places in the world.

One solution submitted last year to the US-based Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat suggested building a tower, with space for Christian and Muslim burials and Hindu cremations.

The idea's thrust was that traditional solutions were unlikely to succeed, as older churches -- and even the newer, state-run public cemeteries in outlying districts -- stop providing graves in perpetuity.

"Cemeteries have a system where they don't leave the bodies for more than two years. Then the bones are moved to an ossuary (charnel house)," said Father Anthony Charanghat, spokesman for

the Archdiocese of Bombay.

One significant consequence of the space crunch is the increasing number of Catholics opting for cremation -- the norm amongst Hindus -- which was once viewed by the Church as a denial of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

"You used to have to get permission (to be cremated)," said Father Michael. "Now, it's becoming more widespread... The idea that if you burn there's no resurrection doesn't exist any more."

Undertakers say that the cost of the diminishing number of burial plots available on a 30-year lease in private cemeteries has gone up in line with sky-rocketing real estate prices.

The situation is met with resignation by many Muslims, who face a similar squeeze on burial space.

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# Rampant Zimbabwe crush struggling Bangladesh



**Record breaker and man of the moment for Zimbabwe cricket Brian Vitori receives the man of the match cheque**

HARARE (AFP) - Rampant Zimbabwe defeated hapless Bangladesh by seven wickets on Sunday to win the second one-day international with Brian Vitori taking five wickets and Vusi Sibanda and Tatenda Taibu both hitting half-centuries.

The win at Harare Sports Club gave Zimbabwe a 2-0 lead in the five-match series to follow victory in the one-off Test last week.

Bangladesh were bowled out for just 188 in 47.3 overs with Zimbabwe replying with

191-3 and 35 balls remaining.

"The seamers came up trumps again, Vitori was outstanding," said Zimbabwe captain Brendan Taylor.

"It made the batters' job easier. We have won the first game in the past against Bangladesh and then lost the series, so the guys are hungry for more success. We used the morning conditions well and after that it flattened out."

Bangladesh skipper Shakib Al Hassan admitted his team were at crisis point.

"You can say that. In three

games we have been outplayed. We all have to put our hands up, it is not only about me or someone else, it is about the team. We have to show the world we are good enough to compete," he said.

"We did not bat well, simple as that. The wicket was a good one, our top order is not getting runs, it is hard for the lower order to come in and score."

Opening batsman Sibanda top-scored with 67 off 96 balls with seven fours -- to follow his 96 in the first game -- as he also passed the 2,000 runs mark in one-day internationals.

Former skipper Taibu was unbeaten on 61 off 74 balls having hit four boundaries and two sixes.

Vitori starred with the ball after Zimbabwe won the toss and he took full advantage of the conditions, finishing with 5-20 to follow his 5-30 in the first match, the 21-year-old seamer's debut.

Vitori removed Bangladesh openers Tamim Iqbal (three), playing in his 100th ODI, and Imrul Kayes (eight) before the tourists slumped to 58-6 in the 19th over.

## United snatch late win, Chelsea held



**Ashley Young of Manchester United celebrates his team's second goal with Wayne Rooney (R)**

LONDON (AFP) - Manchester United started their defence of the Premier League title with a hard-fought 2-1 win over West Brom on Sunday, while new Chelsea boss Andre Villas-Boas was forced to settle for a 0-0 draw at Stoke in his first match.

Sir Alex Ferguson sent out a youthful United team including Tom Cleverley,

Danny Welbeck, Chris Smalling and Fabio da Silva, as well as debutants David De Gea and Ashley Young, and they needed a late Steven Reid own goal to seal the points at the Hawthorns.

While there was a freshness about United's line-up, it was Wayne Rooney, one of Ferguson's more seasoned campaigners, who opened the

scoring in the 13th minute when he finished a flowing move with a fine strike from just inside the penalty area.

United winger Nani squandered two chances to extend the lead before De Gea gifted Albion an equaliser in the 37th minute.

The Spanish goalkeeper, signed from Atletico Madrid to replace the retired Edwin van der Sar, had already been criticised for his role in two of Manchester City's goals in last weekend's Community Shield and this was an even worse mistake.

Shane Long cut into the penalty area from the left and hit a low shot that De Gea should have dealt with easily, but the 20-year-old made a complete hash of his attempted save and allowed the ball to squirm under his arms.

At the Britannia Stadium, Villas-Boas's side failed to impress in the first half, but improved after the interval and the Portuguese coach would have been celebrating a winning start but for three fine saves from Stoke goalkeeper Asmir Begovic.

The 33-year-old admitted a draw wasn't the best start but he was infuriated by Stoke's tactics at set-pieces.



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## Schumacher insists he'll race in 2012



BERLIN (AFP) - Seven-times Formula One world champion Michael Schumacher has put an end to rumours he may retire at the end of the season by insisting Sunday he will race in 2012 for Mercedes.

"I'll certainly be racing next year, that is definite," Schumacher said at a Mercedes' function.

Rumours of Schumacher's second retirement were fuelled by comments the 42-year-old made to an Italian newspaper, but Sunday's declaration has poured cold water on any retirement talk.

Having won the last of his seven world titles in 2004, Schumacher retired in 2006, only to return to race with German team Mercedes in 2010.

But whether he races on after 2012, when his three-year contract expires, remains to be decided.

"We will have to see how

things develop and how much energy and fun is still there," he said.

Currently 10th in the world championship -- 202 points behind leader and compatriot Sebastian Vettel -- Schumacher is realistic about his chances of an eighth title next season.

"It would be presumptuous if one expects us to fight for the title next year, at the moment we are too far behind," he said.

Schumacher says podium places are his goal for next year, but since his comeback at the start of 2010, he has yet to finish a race in the top three.

From his Mercedes team, there is no time pressure.

"We need a little longer to get to the top, but time is necessary. And we on the board will give that time," said Thomas Weber, Mercedes' Head of Group Research.

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## Portugal, Mexico advance to U20 World Cup semis

BOGOTA (AFP) - Portugal advanced to the semi-finals of the U20 World Cup with a dramatic 5-4 penalty shootout victory over favourites Argentina as Mexico also booked their berth by beating hosts Colombia 3-1.

In a tie with few real chances on goal and a scoreline 0-0 after 120 minutes in Cartagena the Portuguese came back from a 3-1 penalty deficit to send Argentina crashing out of the competition they have won six times.

Argentina coach Walter Perazzo, whose side had not conceded a goal so far in the competition, admitted he was stunned by the defeat.

"The outcome was unexpected, it surprised me," said Perazzo. "Luck favoured them in the penalty shootout."

Portugal counterpart Ilidio Vale said his side proved they were ready for a third title after 1989 and 1991.

"Argentina were candidates to win the Cup," said Vale.



Colombia's Didier Moreno reacts at the end of their FIFA Under-20 World Cup quarterfinal football match against Mexico. (AFP PHOTO)

"It was a competitive game between two good teams. Portugal were worthy winners, we were better organised during the game and the result speaks for itself."

Argentina goalie Andrada did well to keep out a Caetano effort after 21 minutes which proved to be the only real shot at goal in regular time.

Playmaker Lamela had Luque had shown good teamwork but without being able to make the difference, as strikers Caetano and Oliveira were the best of the Portuguese players.

Portugal looked on their way home after Andrada saved from Danilo Pereira and Roderick Miranda to put

Argentina 3-1 in the shootout, but Leandro Pirez, Emanuel Ruiz and Nicolas Tagliafio all missed to send the Europeans through.

In Bogota, an Erick Torres penalty (38) and a double from Edson Rivera (69, 88) saw Mexico through against Colombia, although the hosts got one back from Duван Zapata (60).

Colombia coach Eduardo Lara said: "I'm saddened by this result. I take total responsibility for the errors on the pitch but the boys did everything they could."

Portugal next meet either France or Nigeria who played their quarter-final tie in Cali later Sunday, as Mexico next meet Brazil or Spain in next Wednesday's semi-finals.

## Aloha Bridge Club Aruba tournament results

ORANJESTAD --A total of 13 pairs attended the bridge session last Thursday morning at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club Resort.

The following guest players joined the group: Ed Bauman and Jim Doig.

The results 50% and higher are as follows:

1. Annette Ybeles / Joke Henriquez 64.58%
2. Ghislaine Mendes / Carola Pinxter 61.00 %
3. Jim Doig / Ed Bauman 57.50 %
4. Edith Henriquez / Sheila Lampe 55.00 %
5. Gerry Meenhorst / Liesbeth van den Ham 52.92 %

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A total of 7 pairs joined the evening bridge session at the Frank Conway Room of the Casa del Mar Beach Resort.

The results 50% and higher are as follows:

1. Marleen van Baarlen / Els Lacle 70.00 %
2. Maylene and Fred Koopman 57.50 %
3. Addy Eilers / Willem Jacobusse 52.50 %
- 4) Sheila Lampe / Edith Henriquez 50.00%.

Aloha Bridge Club Aruba meets twice a week: on Thursday mornings at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club Resort, starting at 9.00 am and on Friday evenings at the Frank Conway Room of Casa del Mar, starting at 7.30 pm.

Signing up closes ten minutes before starting time. Fee for guest players US\$6 or Afl. 10.00 per person.

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## Arsenal, Barcelona agree Fabregas deal



LONDON (AFP) - Arsenal announced on Sunday that they have finally agreed a deal with Barcelona for the transfer of captain Cesc Fabregas to the Spanish and European champions, the player's boyhood club.

"Arsenal announces today that they have reached an agreement in principle with Barcelona for Cesc Fabregas to move to Spain," said a statement on the Arsenal website.

Barcelona confirmed the deal, news of which was released at half-time in their Spanish Supercup clash against Real Madrid, which is expected to be worth between 36 million and 40 million euros.

"Initial agreement between Arsenal and FC Barcelona for the transfer of Cesc with the signing of con-

tracts and medical to take place on Monday," said a Barcelona club statement.

The deal, which brings to an end a transfer saga which began last year, will take Fabregas back to the club which he left as a 16-year-old in 2003.

"We have been clear that we didn't want Cesc to leave and that remains the case," said Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger on Sunday.

"However, we understand Cesc's desire to move to his home town club and have now accepted an offer from Barcelona. We thank Cesc for his contribution at Arsenal and wish him future success."

Barcelona had already failed with an offer of 34.4 million euros and an improved reported bid of 29 million euros plus six million euros in future add-ons had also failed to tempt the Gunners.

However, the British press over the weekend reported that Arsenal were finally ready to accept a 36-million-euro offer, with Spanish sports daily Marca putting the deal closer to 40 million euros, of which six million euros would depend on results.

## Djokovic wins Montreal crown for year's ninth title

MONTREAL (AFP) - World number one Novak Djokovic continued his near-perfect season with a 6-2, 3-6, 6-4 defeat of Mardy Fish to win the ATP Montreal Masters on Sunday, his ninth title of the season.

The Serb confirmed the world number one ranking which he claimed after winning Wimbledon as he beat Fish for the seventh time without a loss.

Djokovic has now won nine titles in 2011 in nine attempts. He stands a phenomenal 53-1 this season, with his only loss coming against

Roger Federer in the French Open semi-finals.

Djokovic becomes the first man to win five Masters 1000 titles in the same season having also claimed trophies at Indian Wells, Miami, Madrid and Rome.

The 24-year-old is the first player to win an ATP title in his debut as number one since Pete Sampras in Hong Kong in April 1993.

Djokovic now stands 27-13 in career finals while Fish, winner of the Atlanta title last month, was competing in his third straight final of the pre-US Open summer.

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## Serena wins Toronto title, boosts US Open hopes



TORONTO (AFP) - Serena Williams won the WTA Rogers Cup title Sunday, beating Samantha Stosur 6-4, 6-2 to hammer home her credentials as a US Open favourite when the last Grand Slam event of the season starts in two weeks' time.

Williams hammered nine aces and won 89 percent of

her first serve points in beating the Australian in straight sets at the \$2.05 million hard-court tournament, two weeks after winning the Stanford title.

It is her first back-to-back titles in three years, the 39th of her career and 11th win in 11 matches on the US hard-court swing this summer.

The 29-year-old Williams is currently ranked 80th in the world and was competing in just her fourth tournament since being sidelined for a year by injuries and illness.

Her win over Stosur took just 77 minutes as she played six matches in six days in Toronto and served notice that she is returning to form just ahead of the 2011 US Open.

Sunday's victory was her biggest since winning her fourth Wimbledon crown in 2010.

She was injured shortly after capturing that Wimbledon title, cutting her foot in Germany on a piece of glass and underwent two operations.

She then spent 20 weeks in a cast and walking boot.

In February, she was diagnosed with blood clots in her lung, and didn't start practising again until April.

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